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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
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Association of American Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations.

COLLECTIVE EXHIBIT OF THE COLLEGES AND STATIONS

AT THE

WORLD'S COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION.

GENERAL STATEMENT.

This exhibit is to be entirely independent of, and in addition to, any exposition of the several Land Grant Colleges, or their branches, which may be made in the general Educational Exhibit, in State Exhibits, or elsewhere.

It is not intended to be an exhaustive exhibit of any one or more Colleges or Stations, but rather a *typical* or *representative* exhibit, showing collectively, by a proper grouping and arrangement of small contributions from as many different institutions as will co-operate, the general character of the Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges and the Experiment Stations of this country and the work being done by them.

The exhibit is to be placed in the Agricultural Building of the Exposition, in its South, or Southwest corner, near the exits to Machinery Hall and the Agricultural Lecture Room. The space assigned, including interior aisles, is 106 feet long and 78 feet wide, being 8,268 square feet, or rather more than one-fifth of an acre. On three sides of this space are exhibits from England, France, Russia, and Italy. Next to our Station section, along the west end of the building, is to be the exposition, by Lawes and Gilbert, of their fifty years of experimental work at Rothamsted (England); and just across the aisle from our College section, France is to show her work for agricultural instruction.

It is to be practically a loan exhibition, in which the contributors, being mutually interested in the result and its benefits, share in the labor and cost of preparation. Not much is asked of any one institution, but samples, as it were, of the best or most characteristic work of each. What any institution is to contribute should be arranged by correspondence between the contributor and the chairmen of the respective committees of supervision. That being settled, it is left to the College or Station to bear the labor and incidental expense of preparing the material for shipment to Chicago, including cost of bottles, jars, boxes, and packing (which every institution must estimate for itself and according to its contributions), but not including the larger cases or furniture needed for the exhibit.

Labels and full descriptions, giving dimensions, are to be prepared for every contribution, but only in manuscript, as labels to be displayed will be made upon a uniform plan by the general committees. Everything to be a part of this exhibit, unless excepted for special reasons and duly arranged for, should be for shipment to Chicago during the month of February, 1893, as may be directed. When the general committees take charge, providing for the transportation, the installation at Chicago, the Exposition, and the return of the property to its owners.

This exhibit would be impossible but for the cordial co-operation and generous material aid given by the United States Department of Agriculture.

The exhibit is divided into the College and Station sections, supervised by the Standing Committees of which the undersigned are chairmen and which were authorized by the Association at its annual conventions of 1890 and 1891.

At the recent New Orleans convention of 1892, an Advisory Board was appointed composed of representative trustees of different Colleges and Stations. Attention is invited to the Address by this Advisory Board and to the Extract from President Broun's annual address, as well as to other circulars mailed herewith.

Very respectfully,

HENRY E. ALVORD, *Chairman, College Committee.*
H. P. ARMSBY, *Chairman, Station Committee.*

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